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## THE POTSDAM WEATHER SERVICE

On the basis of directives of the Allied Control Council calling for the organization of a Central Meteorological Station in each of the three zones, Marshal Sokolovskiy issued an order (24 June 1946) on the organization of work in the field of meteorology. According to this order, the Potsdam Meteorological Observatory was charged with a task far exceeding its original one. Previously, its assignment had been the production of meteorological observations, physical research on individual meteorological phenomena, and the development of meteorological measuring techniques in its research departments. The order renamed it the Central Meteorological Observatory and made it the main station in the Eastern Zone for all meteorological work. It thus took over the functions of a central institute for meteorology, after having been only a part of such an organization until then. Consequently, a number of new research departments and departments for practical work had to be organized.

The most important of the new departments is the Weather Service. Its main functions are to provide weather service for the occupation authority to supply weather information for international civil air and sea communications, to fulfill the international weather information exchange, and to supply information of an economic nature to Berlin and the Soviet Zone. The Weather Service Schkeuditz, and Weimar. This department was founded on 1 April 1946 and immediately began to get subscribers for its service from all commercial circles.

Due to this activity, coupled with the issuing of altitude weather charts and daily weather maps and the operation of the radio weather station RCT (started on 1 July 1948), the Weather Service grew until its personnel had doubled. The main building became overcrowded, and the department was moved to a reconditioned bomb-damaged building on the same grounds as the main building. The building now in use contains a clubroom, the office of the department chief, the operations office where the ground map is analyzed and aerological work and forecasts are implemented, a large room for observation and mapping service, two radio receiving rooms, a teletype and radio transmitter room, and the printing shop for weather maps. The top floor contains a workshop and storage facilities. The roof is fitted with an observation tower.

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